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Effective on or about October 15 air mail service will be inaugurated over a portion of the Shuttle Segment on helicopter route A. M. 111 as follows:

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Between A. M. F. Newark, N. J., and A. M. F. New York, N. Y. (LaGuardia Airport).

Special cachets will be provided for the three air-mail fields listed above and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

First-flight air-mail covers for dispatch from the above-named air-mail fields must be sent to the District Superintendent, District 5, Postal Transportation Service, New York 1, N. Y., and must be prepaid at the appropriate air mail postage rate. Double postal cards and double post cards intended for return reply purposes are not acceptable as first-flight covers.

All covers should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight, requesting the application of the cachet, and indicating the air-mail field from which dispatch and cachet is desired.

Covers received which do not specify the dispatch and cachet desired will be dispatched over the first flight from A. M. F., New York, N. Y. (LaGuardia Airport).

First-flight covers must reach the District Superintendent not later than 12 noon, October 14 to insure dispatch by the first flights.

Space approximately 2½ by 2½ inches to the left on the address side of all covers is required for the cachet. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope to obtain better impression of cachet and postmark, and to prevent damage to cover or canceling machine.

At request of collectors, covers receiving cachet will be given directional service to the office served by the first flight in each direction, and will there be back-stamped and dispatched onward to destination.

Offer Cachet Labels For Eighth SESCOAL

In connection with the Eight Annual SESCOAL, an exhibition sponsored by the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California cachet labels are to be issued.

The design pictures the 1869, 90 cent Lincoln and the Lincoln frank, the labels being offered in three colors at 10 cents each or three for 25 cents. Address requests and payments to Herbert Hargraves, 201 Adams St., Sierra Madre, Calif. Scene of the stamp show is the Elks Club Ball Room, 607 S. Parkview Ave., in Los Angeles — the time October 31 and November 1 and 2.

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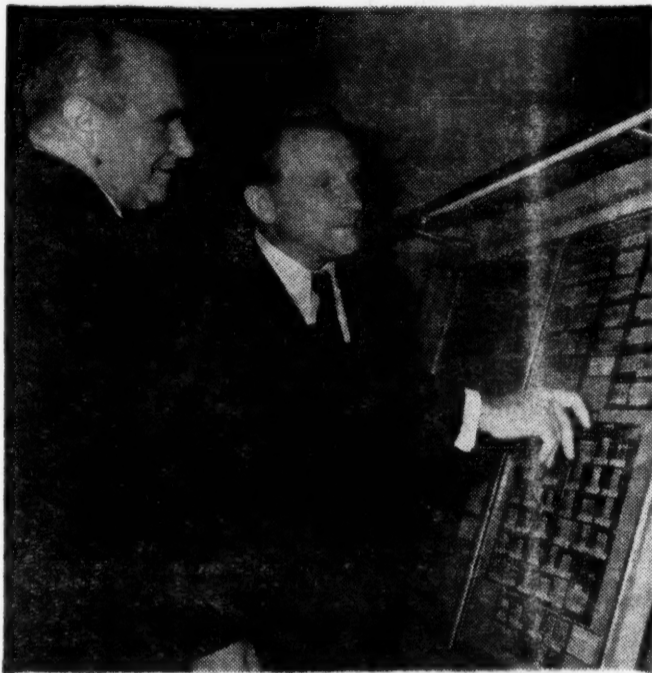
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ISRAEL PTT DIRECTOR IN UNITED STATES. Chaim Ben Menachem director general of Posts, Telephone, Telegraph and Radio of Israel was a recent visitor to Gimbel's Stamp Department where Jacques Minkus, head, showed him around. Mr. Menachem came to the United States from Brussels where he represented his nation at the UPU Congress. While here he purchased equipment for Israel's Postal Department.

One Man Vs. Post Office Department In Battle For Legitimate First Day Cover

Robert W. Shields

(Editors Note—The following paper is to be read by the author at the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society Convention and Exhibition at Waterloo, Iowa this week end. Read it and laughingly suffer with the author in his "tanglements" with the Post Office Department.)

Scott's Catalogue formally defines "First Day Cover" as "A philatelic term to designate the use of a certain stamp (on cover) on the first day of sale at a place officially designated for such sale and so postmarked."

Let us begin, as I did, with the naive assumption that this is correct, and that a bona fide government cancellation with the slogan "First Day of Issue" means exactly that.

Last month our Post Office Department announced the forthcoming issue commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Mount Rushmore Memorial in the Black Hills of South Dakota. For the first — and last — time in my life, I took the bait. I grabbed it hook, line, and sinker. By the time I came up for air, I had been bamboozled out of a good deal of confidence in the Post Office Department in addition to being defrauded out of my money.

To add injury to insult, I was left stuck with a bunch of worthless covers. Nor is this all. I was convinced that henceforth I would stick strictly to stamp collecting, which is one of the joys of my life, and that I would never take the painful "cure" again.

The Rushmore stamp interested me particularly because it was in honor of the state I was actually residing in at the time. I was also planning to be in Keystone for the exercises on the 11th of August, and this added attraction gave the issue a special appeal, because I had never before been present at a First Day event.

I was eager to let my friends in on the thrill, and fixed up perhaps fifteen or twenty envelopes on my personal stationery to be cancelled "First Day of Issue". I planned to include some non-collector acquaintances in South Dakota in the hope of interesting them in the hobby. This is exactly where my troubles began.

"But you can't do that", blustered the postmaster, who was a very good friend of mine. "It says right here in the postal bulletin that you are limited to ten."

"Very funny," I replied, "but not in the least amusing. The stamp papers advertise to furnish

a customer with any amount, running into the hundreds or even thousands. How do the dealers get them if everyone is limited to ten?"

"Dunno", he replied. "And probably by the time you find out, it will be too late for you to order them at all."

"Okay, okay", I acquiesced. I then threw away all the covers designated for non-collector friends. "I suppose the government is doing everything in its power to make the hobby unpleasant for the collector, unless he wants to be milked for a commission by someone who is accorded the special privilege of doing extra business with the Department."

The Postmaster was not quite so smiley 'round the whiskers but waited patiently while I sorted out my ten covers and prepared to slip them in an envelope with the money.

"Say, Bob," he went on, "you'd better not send currency through the mails. The Post Office Department officially warns all its customers to register or insure valuable mail, and to use money orders in mailing remittances."

"Hey, what is this?" I asked in astonishment. First you tell me that I can only have ten covers, when someone else can purchase them by the thousands. Now you tell me I have to pay the Department for the privilege of taking my money!"

"The money order is provided for your convenience and protection—" he began.

"My convenience and protection?" I cried in astonishment. "I am buying merchandise here, and am being charged extra for pay-

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Making The Bible Involved Many Hands; Death Given For Writing English Version

Gertrude Boss

(Editors Note: The several articles which have been written to date by Mrs. Gertrude Boss on the Bible, its printing, history, and philatelic tie-ins have been so well received that Mrs. Boss has acquiesced to your and our "demands for more" and prepared two additional Bible stories. The first of these follows. We think you'll enjoy and become better informed on this most popular of books.)

BIBLE (little books) a term applied to the Jewish and Christian Scriptures, probably first used by Chrysostom, patriarch of Constantinople (A. D. 398-404). The Jewish Bible is merely the Old Testament; the Protestant Bible is this, plus the New Testament; while the Roman Catholic Bible includes both Testaments and the Apocrypha.

The formation of the New Testament was a slow process. Its nucleus seems to have been a collection of the first three Gospels to which subsequently the Gospel of John was added. Another collection was that of the letters of Paul, while eventually these and other small pamphlets were combined.

Most of the Old Testament was written in Hebrew, but small sections of certain books were written in Aramaic, the language of Syria which after exile practically supplanted the Hebrew. Jesus of Nazareth taught in Aramaic, but in its entirety the New Testament has come to us in Greek.

The oldest book of the Bible is Amos, (about 750 B.C.)—The earliest book is I Thess. Most of the New Testament was composed in a space of about 50 years in the latter half of the first Christian century, and it will probably surprise many to know that the only writer of a Biblical book who was not a Jew was Luke.

Divisions into chapters and verses were made in the 13th century, A.D. Under the Ptolemies of Egypt the Old Testament was translated for the first time, and the first version of the New Testament was written in Greek, but the first versions of the Old Testament were in Latin. It was in the second or third century the Greek version came into being, called the Septuagint, for there was a pious legend that 70 men composed it.

It serves to remind us of another fact, that our Old Testament is a collection of religious literature of Israel and Judah. Some literature survived that was not put into the Bible. These books were known to the early Christians, but left outside the Septuagint, but when the Jews arranged their canon or authorized version toward the end of the first century these were rejected, and Jerome's influence, when he rendered the Old Testament into Latin tended to carry the Christian Church along the same line.

By a decision of the Council of Trent the Roman Church is committed to the acceptance of these so called "Apocryphal Books." The reformed Church said with Martin Luther that they are useful and good to read. Any serious student of religious literature finds them a "must."

Jesus of Nazareth died in A.D. 30. Within about a century after his death these writings were collected and put into the New Testament and were considered the classical literature of early Christians.

Jesus wrote nothing, and his followers felt no inclination to do so for some time. He was remembered. A generation passed, and a few letters, that had been meant for practical use were assembled. These occasional homilies and tracts were bits of literature called out by exigencies of the occasion. The twenty-seven books were not only compositions prized by the early church, but they are a selection from a wider class.

By the end of the fourth century the list to be placed in the New Testament had been decided. Desiring one official version, the

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One Coronation Stamp Per Colony

To commemorate the coronation of England's Queen Elizabeth II next June arrangements are being made for a special issue of Colonial postage stamps to be placed on sale on Coronation Day. Sale will continue until the end of 1953 unless stocks have previously been exhausted.



It has been found necessary to restrict the issue to a single value for each participating administration in a design common to all.

The design will consist of an approved portrait of Her Majesty in a suitable frame, and will include the coronation date, the name of the issuing territory and the value. With certain exceptions, the value will represent the postage required on a local inland letter and the color will correspond with that of the current stamp of the same value. The portrait will be black on all stamps.

It will not be possible by the date of the coronation to replace all Colonial stamps which bear the portrait of the late King George VI with stamps bearing a portrait of the Queen and this special issue will insure that the peoples of the participating territories will be able to see the portrait of their Queen on at least one stamp at the time of the Coronation.

Six Semipostals For Famous Frenchmen

The subjects and colors of the set of six semipostal stamps France will release October 20 are as follows according to Gimbel's Stamp Department of New York.

An 8fr plus 2fr dark blue, Flaubert; 12fr plus 3fr light blue, Manet; 15fr plus 4fr green, St. Saens; 18fr plus 5fr sepia, H. Poincaré; 20fr plus 6fr red, Haussmann; 30fr plus 7fr violet, Thiers.



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199	.42	B50-54	3.98	B151 sht	1.38
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250-260	.74	B92-97	.95	C7-15	2.44
261-64	.59	B98-103	1.94	C99-113	2.25
272-77	.38	B104	.28	O158-78	1.48
B1-3	.28	B105-16	2.28	282, sheet	
B4-6	.48	(on P.O. sht)		B117-25	.26
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It is a cacheted cover bearing copies of the new Christmas Seal and cancelled on the first day of its release at Santa Claus, Indiana.

According to Mrs. C. V. McCoy, chairman of the Monroe County Anti-Tuberculosis Association of Bloomington, Ind. the interest and generosity of cover and seal collectors has done much to add funds to the group's work for patient care and elimination of tuberculosis.

Originally, in 1936, the National Anti-TB Association sponsored the cover. But the idea blossomed into such a big thing at once that the under-staffed headquarters family looked for some other group to continue the practice.

Bloomington's Monroe County Chapter asked for and received the National's approval to continue the project, and has done so each year since.

The Earl MacMillans of Bloomington have carried the prepared covers to southern Indiana's Santa Claus post office each late fall. They've had to buck snow, rain, icy roads, gas rationing and a couple of times the Post Office Department to complete the project, but as yet they have to miss their first time.

An ad describing the steps to be taken to obtain the covers is to be found on page 4 this edition.

Flowers, Plants Most Popular Topicals

Should you want to discover how your favorite topical collection rates for popularity a breakdown compiled by Warren W. King, dealer in topicals, of 2321 Parnell Ave., Los Angeles 64, Calif. will be interesting.

He has recorded the likes of his 705 customers as follows, with only those topics having more than ten devotees listed:—

88 Flowers	18 Nudes
65 Plants	18 Roosevelt
54 Music	17 Children
53 Railroads	15 Waterfalls
52 Animals	15 Scientists
48 Birds	15 Trees
45 Ships	15 Fine Arts
42 Horses	15 Stamps on Stamps
35 Maps	14 Famous Paintings
33 Medicine	14 Bridges
31 Religion	14 Postal History
30 Fish, Fishermen	12 Insects
22 U.P.U.	12 Queen Elizabeth II
22 Americana	12 Food
21 Scouts	10 Agriculture
19 Flags	

Harmer Opening Sale Successful

The opening sale of the H. R. Harmer auction season showed an increased activity that portends well for philately in the 1952-53 period. 6392 mail bids were received on the 1116 lots, representing an average of over five bids per lot.

A "quality" collection of United States brought keen competition, catalogue price being exceeded on many occasions. Notable realizations were 1851-57 5c red brown (\$70) at \$87.50; 1857-61 1c, type I, red cancel (\$40) at \$50; type II (\$12.50) at \$15.50; type III, Plate IV (\$67.50) at \$92.50; 12c, o. g. block of four, tiny gum crease (\$100) at \$112.50; 1861 1c, o. g. block of four (\$40) at \$42; 3c Waterbury "Pipe-Smoke" strike at \$44; 24c unused (\$65) at catalogue; 1875 reissue of 1861-66 12c o. g. (\$90) at \$160; 1869 90c unused (\$200) at \$230.

The total realization for the auction was \$32,175.50.

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Sweden Produces Coin With Surtax

On October 1 Sweden released a Jubilee Coin for the forthcoming 70th birth anniversary of King Gustaf VI Adolf which is in a category similar to a semipostal stamp. The birth celebration takes place November 11—the coin has a face value of 5 Kroner for which the purchaser must add an additional 5 Kroner as a surtax.

Sale of the coin according to Thorsten Ingeloff, Malmstorgsgatan 11, Karlstad, Sweden, will be made by banks and post offices. Funds derived from the surtax are to be devoted to the King's Culture Fund for Youth.

In circulation this silver coin will have but a 5 Kroner value. Its sale will end December 31, 1952; the total minting will be 250,000.

Also reported by Mr. Ingeloff in process is a set of "streamlined" coins with artistic motifs in the modern style. 1, 2 and 5 ore coins are to be made from both iron, and copper. Nickel is the material of the 10, 25 and 50 ore items, and silver of the 1, 2 and 5 Kr.

Mr. Ingeloff will be pleased to assist collectors in obtaining mint uncirculated coins at face value plus postage and a ten percent handling charge. United States paper money and very fine mint U.S. commems are accepted in payment.

Ceres Catalog For France, Territories

Available now to collectors is the 1953 edition of the "Ceres Catalogue Timbres Poste, France—Colonies" published by Ceres, Paris, France. Copies are sold at one dollar each, postage and duty paid by Jacob Habib, 1407 Sheridan Ave., New York 56, N. Y.

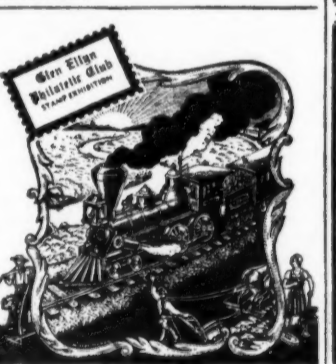
This 260 page, paper-bound reference book lists and prices the stamps of France, those of the metropolitan areas, the colonial territories and some of those areas of by-gone days which no longer have the guiding hand of the French government.

Mildly specialized as to general content, the catalog nevertheless has several sections of material which give information found in few other places. Language of the text is French.

Lost Stamps, Coins In Devastating Fire

Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Van Guten of Lima, Ohio were visitors to Linn's offices recently. Mr. Van Guten is the collector of the family, he being active in two fields, stamps and coins.

He told how he lost very fine stamp and coin collections in a fire seven years ago which almost claimed his life at the same time. It wasn't long after his release from the hospital that he started his hobbies from scratch and has since built them into attractive collections.



ONE OF THREE historical cachets issued by the Glen Ellyn Philatelic Society, Glen Ellyn, Ill. to mark its exhibition November 15 and 16 is shown herewith. The set will have a selling price of 50c. Orders can be sent to the address above. Names to be written on the envelopes must be included with payment.

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It is therefore, not surprising that when the Board of Governors of the Collectors Club decided to honor this great philatelist by creating an annual award in his memory, that the response to an appeal for funds to finance the award by members of the Collectors Club has been most gratifying.

Contributions to the fund and reservations for tickets to the inaugural ceremonies and dinner which is to be held at the New York Athletic Club, on Saturday, October 18 have been received not only from members in this country but from foreign members as well.

The importance of this first major philatelic award in this country has been recognized by philatelists everywhere and congratulatory letters to the Board of Governors have come from philatelic societies and individuals of international reputation.

The presentation of the award to the first recipient will be made by Mr. Lichtenstein's daughter, Mrs. Louise D. Dale. It is anticipated that most of the national philatelic societies in this country will be represented at the inaugural ceremonies and dinner.

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Brazil Bible Day, #716	(1)	.99
Bulgaria Youth Congress, New	(4)	.30
Colombia Building, 2P, New	(1)	1.12
Czechoslovakia, New	(1)	.25
Egypt Officials, C61-59	(9)	.60
France Da Vinci	(1)	.15
French Morocco Medal, New	(1)	.08
Germany Karl Schurtz, New	(1)	.09
Germany Youth, New	(2)	.14
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Grenada New Dues	(4)	.20

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38. "Hugo" sold us his collection two weeks ago and is now honeymooning on the proceeds!

Believe it or not, the old lot is now yours! We would other people's City and material for quick taken any or better extra on lot 15.

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First definitives of Burma appeared in 1938.

NEW CANADA, NEW ZEALAND ISSUES NOW AVAILABLE
New Zealand 1952 Health, Prince Charles, Prin. Anne (2) \$.10
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Lot 9 Mint Flags (#909-921) in singles and blocks. 470 sets available. 10 sets—\$7.80; 100 sets—\$75.00.

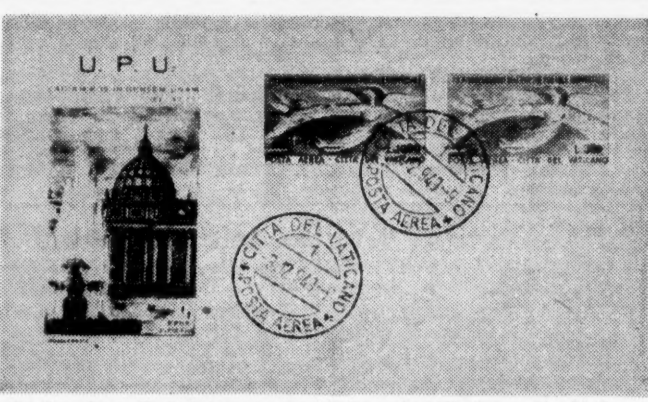
Lot 10 9 sets Flags (#909-921) in mint marginal T singles with both Poland at \$1.46 per set or \$12.00 for the lot.
Lot 11 5c China (#906)—Eight mint sheets in a complete matched set of both plate numbers in all 4 positions, except #23954 U.L. duplicated and #23955 U.L. missing. Net \$68.00.

Lot 12 30 mint sheets Denmark (#920) at \$30.00 per 10 or \$87.00 for the lot.
Lot 13 100 mint sheets Denmark (#920) in an original unbroken pack at \$300.00.

Lot 14 80 mint sheets Korea (#931) at \$5.59 each, \$52.50 per 10, or \$400 for the lot.
Lot 15 Collection of 478 selected mint sheets of U. S. carefully placed in mint sheet files, comprising complete matched sets of all numbers and positions of #904, #922-946, #952-954 lacking only 5 different plate numbers in the four positions, namely 904 (1), 942 (3), and 944 (1). This is a very unusual offering and would require much time, effort, and expense to duplicate the same today. The entire collection is priced at face of \$794.00 plus 20c per sheet (\$69.20) for a net total of \$863.20.

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On the above first day cover are the two airmail stamps the Vatican City postal administration issued for 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. Denominations are 300 and 1000 Lire. The latter denomination is the highest released to date by the Vatican post office.

Those High Value Airs Of Vatican City

William Wonneberger, Jr.

Editor's Note—While this article is based on the airmail stamps of Vatican City, the same facts might also apply to those stamps of San Marino and Monaco.

One thousand is a large amount, whether it be peanuts, people, or pounds, but when it comes to money it seems twice as large. This was the reason that many collectors raised their eyebrows and gave the Vatican Postal Administration many a scornful look when the Universal Postal Union airmail commemoratives were announced. The denomination of the high value was 1,000 Lire. Cries were heard of robbing stamp collectors to boost the Vatican treasury. Sure the set dug deep into small stamp budgets, it hurt didn't it! But did you stop to consider if the stamps were issued for a necessity?

To best understand this stamp let's convert the face value of 1,000 lire into United States currency. At the present rate of exchange (and the rate in use when this set was issued) the American dollar buys six hundred and twenty-five lire, or to put it another way, it takes six and a quarter lire to buy one American penny.

This makes the face value equivalent to \$1.60—sounds a little better, doesn't it?

Now how much can be mailed at \$1.60? Very little; the postal rates of the Vatican are extremely high due to the increased costs and the inflation that has devaluated most European currencies.

For an example suppose we take this copy of Linn's Weekly Stamp News. You are holding it in your hands and at the present moment reading this article. Now stop and think of the weight of the paper. It isn't much is it? But yet, to mail this to this country would cost 780 Lire, almost the face of the stamp under discussion.

How do we arrive at this staggering figure? Well suppose we work it out together. This issue of Linn's weighs slightly under two ounces, or fifty-six grams to be exact. Now the Vatican airmail rates to the United States are based on units of five grams. This makes the fee of mailing equal to the rate of twelve units.

With a charge of sixty-five lire per unit, the postage amounts to seven hundred and eighty lire. If we were to convert this to U. S. money it would cost us approximately \$1.50 to mail this paper from the Vatican City State to the United States. To bear out the fact that the rates are extremely high, it would cost us 60 cents to mail this paper from the United States to any point in Europe, including Vatican City.

Thus the Vatican rates are 150 percent over and above American rates.

Why do we talk airmail? Airmail takes approximately two days to reach the United States from Vatican City. First Class surface mail will take anywhere from twenty days to six months. This fact would render active correspondence practically impossible by surface mail.

To satisfy those collectors who are die-hards and insist on surface mail, we can apply this stamp to surface mail duty. Remember that airmail stamps are valid

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must agree to that!
While we have discussed but one airmail stamp, the same applies to all of Vatican City's airmails. We took the 1,000 lire U.P.U. as an example because it was the highest face value ever issued. If the need of this stamp could be proven, we knew that those of lesser value would be verified as to their necessity.

Despite the fact that such a stamp was in definite need, the Vatican Postal Administration has not issued a stamp having a face value greater than 500 lire (80 cents in U.S. currency) since, and it looks if this policy will continue. They realize that philatelists are not millionaires and they don't want to empty the philatelic pocketbook.

To help solve the need of various airmails to be issued, we list a few but important things to remember when you again come across one.

Postal Rates	
Airmail units of 5 gr.	65 L.
Surface, 1st unit of 20 gr.	55 L.
Each added unit of 20 gr.	35 L.
Rates	
28.35 grams	1 ounce
625 lire	\$1.00

A Burmese stamp pictures the elaborate royal barge.

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We have a large quantity of mint U. S. Stamps waiting to find a home in your album pages. They are bound to please you. How about a try?
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In our last MARKET REPORT we accurately predicted the substantial price increases of the stamps of the French Zone of Germany, Israel, Trieste, etc. More valuable philatelic forecasts in our 1953 edition! "Inside Information" that may be worth many \$\$\$\$ to you. And you'll enjoy hours of instructive and entertaining reading, whether you're a green beginner, an advanced collector or a specialist!

Mr. H. L. Lindquist, editor and publisher

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Whats' Good For The Goose Is Good For The Gander

Perhaps the words Goose and Gander should be transposed in the above statement, for as the story I am going to tell you now should represent the stamp dealer as the Gander and the Collector as the Goose.



GEORGE W. LINN

Anyhow here it is . . . In The Philatelic Exporter, a British Publication for the dealer trade we find a paragraph which is printed as a bit of advice to the dealer and it is so true also for the collector that we print it here in the hope that it will not put the collector in the position of holding the bag.

Says a well known writer in The Philatelic Exporter, "Take my advice and sell your highly priced KG VI perforation and shade varieties. These stamps will fall when the new issues appear as many are now priced far too high. Shades in the K.G. VI issues have been overdone; they are of interest for a month or two after issue but not much longer. Anybody looking through a collection two or three years hence, will wonder why the collector has included so many copies of the same stamp, and there will certainly be very little demand for the shades."

Now do not get the idea that I am telling you or trying to tell you what to collect. Some of you smart fellows will of course feel that way and will continue to pay high prices for some unusual shade but a few years hence when you offer your collection for sale you will be among the hardest growlers because of the fact that the dealer who buys it will pay no attention to shades but will buy the shades as the common variety and he will be justified in doing so just for the very reasons as stated in the above quoted item.

It is a fact that in any new issue, in any new group or series of stamps there are always those smart dealers who see shades or who because of the discovery of some minute plate variety, will play up such items and sell them at handsome prices to the gullible collector but the poor fellow will find in later years when he sells that the shades or minute plate varieties have been forgotten. Even a search for them in the catalogue may or may not show them in the catalogue and the reason is that interest in them has fallen away to such an extent that they are not listed. If not listed, there is certainly small demand for them.

Here is an example that should be fresh in the minds of any collector of United States stamps who was active in the years 1922-25 when the issue of those years was first put out. I well remember the 12c Cleveland of this issue. There were many offerings of double transfers of this stamp, in fact I believe there was one plate wherein there were many double transfers all over the plate and these stamps were offered at all kinds of prices and there was a mad scramble to get hold of anything that looked like a double transfer.

Now check this stamp in the catalogue. Scott lists only two stamps from plate number 14404, positions 73 and 74 which were exceptionally prominent and distinctive double transfers, but all the rest of them are omitted and thus forgotten. There was a mad scramble for them for a time, but most collectors of today have never heard of them and thus they are not readily saleable and many are floating about as the common ordinary variety.

Shades are in the same fix and this is evidenced by the advice given dealers to unload their shades of the K.G. VI issue. The best advice we can offer you collectors is not to buy these stamps as they are being unloaded for if you do you will have to hold the bag while the dealers will gather shades of the new Elizabeth issue to pass on to their current customers.

Shades come from several reasons and none of them are worth gathering. They can come from different printings wherein the exact shade of the ink previously used is not matched, they can come from too much or too little ink on the presses, they can come from a press that was not thoroughly cleaned before a new colored ink was put on for printing new stamps and they can come from exposure to ordinary light or exposure to sunlight and from other reasons.

The wise collector will ignore shades and add another new and distinctive stamp to his collection in preference to a shade. Do not just take my advice, read again the advice of a smart British writer, to the dealers of Great Britain and judge by that advice.

There will be some unthinking dealers who may read this article and feel that I am discouraging business that they might get but I am sure that if you will ask your dealer seriously as to his advice about shades, he will tell you the same as I have told you and I know also that the smart dealer knows very well that there are thousands of stamps in his stock that can be sold the collector without selling him shades which will add nothing of interest to his collection.

Just For The Record

Mr. Edwin Mueller, in his Mercury Stamp Journal for September 1952 advises Dr. R. M. of Galveston, Texas, that "A printer is not necessarily an expert in stamp printing. . ."

If the printer is a thoroughly experienced Philatelist, he will be better qualified to examine and judge a stamp than a philatelist who has equal philatelic experience but lacks the printing experience.

I am making these remarks because of my insistence in recent writings, that an old school printer, I mean an ordinary letterpress printer who understands philately as well could better understand and explain Hawaiian Missionary and Numeral stamps than ANY man who is just a philatelist and lacked printing experience. Mark you I said a printer of the old school. Printers in big shops of today are taught just as are machinists in a machine shop, most of them know how to do one thing and one thing alone. There are no more "all around printers" as of old. In the old print shops a printer could do anything but today few men in large printing plants know enough about printing to run a small plant by themselves.

In my study of the White and Green Seal Issue of Sonora I was able to determine the sequence in which thirty-one different sheets of these stamps had been printed. This book was published in 1916 and in all the years since that date my findings have never been questioned or disputed. Without the thorough knowledge of printing gained from childhood and through work in a country newspaper and job plant plus over 20 years as a stamp collector and student of stamps, this could never have been accomplished and I want it

thoroughly understood that without the printing experience and knowledge, the philatelic experience never could have enabled me to do this job.

And for the benefit of Dr. R. M. of Galveston I would say that take two men of equal philatelic experience, if one were a master printer working on stamps such as our Government produces, he could run rings around the other fellow in overall and complete understanding and knowledge of engraved stamps and their varieties. And this would apply equally in any other form of stamp production.

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The attractive pictorial souvenir plates prepared as mementoes of the recent SPA exhibition and convention in New York City are still available to collectors, but in limited quantity.

Made of Syracuse china, the main design drawn by Ewald van Elkin, shows the skyline of New York with the Statue of Liberty and the Society of Philatelic Americans insignia above, in blue. The Postmaster's provisional stamp of 1945 is included at the bottom in black.

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1010—Lafayette 3c, Georgetown, S. C., June 13.

1011—Mt. Rushmore 3c, Keystone, S. D., August 11.

1012—Engineers 3c, Chicago, Ill., September 6.

1013—Armed Services Women 3c, Washington, D. C., September 11.

1014—Bible 3c, Washington, D. C., September 30.

1015—Newsboys 3c, Philadelphia, Pa., October 4.

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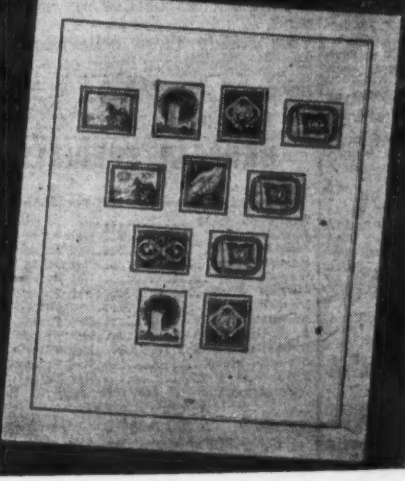
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By CARL P. RUETH

They must have had quite a session with the perforating machine at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing when the Engineers stamp was processed for I have heard from a number of collectors who have poorly centered copies of this item.

All want to know whether they have something valuable or scarce in their possession of panes with the row of perforations running through a part of the design. One collector told of a pane with the perforations running vertically through the center of each row of pictures.

The latter item might have some extra value as a curiosity, and possibly might be considered medium scarce on most of the other issues. But if there is such a large quantity as reports seem to indicate of poorly centered material then the scarce tag cannot be applied. Scarce or not, there is little extra value.

Possessors of the other off-center panes would do well to tear them up for postage.

Ordinarily, the Bureau inspectors are rather "picky" when it comes to badly centered stuff. I wouldn't know what to say in this instance except that perhaps someone on the machine slipped and ran a lot more than could be scrapped with economy.

1. Name the last issue which was officially produced in an imperforate condition.
2. Which was the last stamp produced in more than one color?

Along with the siege of badly perforated material mentioned above, there are also many who write me they have pairs, blocks or panes in which one perf hole is missing entirely between adjacent stamps. Following the description of this minor defect always comes the same two questions — is this a rarity? — and how much is it worth?

This matter has been explained frequently here, and the long time readers will have to bear with me a moment while I assure the newcomers they have neither a rarity or anything worth more than the face value shown in the design.

Again I repeat — if all the holes are gone save one or two between opposite stamps, you have a curiosity which might be a little more valuable than face value.

If all the holes are missing between neighboring stamps then you have a scarce item, presuming, of course, that it wasn't intended to be imperforate in the first place.

Don't consider perf holes with the paper still clinging in them as imperforates. True imperfs have not even the mark of the punch which produces the hole.

From all appearances the Bible stamp must have had a wide distribution nationally to post offices for I find many of the envelopes bearing it cancelled within a day to three days after the first day of issue, from various parts of the nation.

From first looks at this one, I have seen but a small percentage which might be classed as very finely centered.

Is the collecting fraternity going to be exposed to another series of poorly centered stamps as in 1948 when the Bureau was swamped with orders for commems? Whatever is going haywire in the production process should be caught and stopped right now.

If it is possible to produce millions of nicely centered stickers for months and months, then the same thing should be possible on a continuous basis.

As to the Bible stamp itself I like the color and the engraving. I believe the design suffers be-

cause of the reproduction of the picture in such a small space. But for the obvious skill of the engraver, the Bible commem could have been an unqualified "mess".

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H.J. Hallstein, of Brooklyn, N. Y. suggests that if collectors want to add a touch up item to their collections they should get a clear slice of a slogan currently in use, on the Fighting Fillics commem. It reads "EARN LEARN SERVE - JOIN WOMEN IN THE ARMED SERVICES NOW". Post offices where the slogan is currently in use, other than Brooklyn, are New York, Washington, Detroit, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Dallas, Chicago, Los Angeles and Denver.

When you place your Women In The Armed Services stamp on the addressed envelope have it approximately 5/16 inch from the top and 1/2 inch in from the right hand edge. This will just about center the slogan on the stamp.

Virginia newspapers recently publicized an odd mail route which has been in existence since 1913. Mrs. Gertrud Boss of Hopewell, Va. sent the story.

It seems that there is a mail route in the high country of Wise County between Glamorgan and E. Laurel which has such difficult, god-forsaken terrain that the only means of transporting the mail is by manpower. That is, the carrier slings the sack of mail across his shoulder and taking off into the bri... woods and wildcats.

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I guess I'm still young and innocent, well, innocent, for I imagined that the chain letter monkey business was quashed several years ago. Now I see in the September 30 edition of the Postal Bulletin where the POD instructs the nation's postmasters to confiscate and destroy postal cards having messages of a chain-letter nature.

The Bulletin comment on the matter states:-

".....You are again requested to make every effort to advise your patrons that participation in such schemes is unlawful.

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Meet "Len" Mitchell Ace Stamp Designer

James H. Naile

"I haven't any story to tell, Jim," Len Mitchell told me recently when I dropped inquisitively into his downtown studio in New Zealand's capital city, Wellington. "Len," L. C. Mitchell to students of stamp design, is a topflight commercial artist, with advertising displays, film strips, book and magazine illustrations, and coins to his credit.

But to me, Len will always be the man who designed New Zealand's famous red, and blue "Laughing Boy" Health stamps of 1931. Possibly their fame centers around their scarcity, because even Len will be the first to agree they are not his best work, nor the best-designed of New Zealand's Health issues.

Still, those stamps are bringing anywhere up to £10 a pair in his native land. Admittedly they were a short issue. (The wise boys, incidentally, are looking carefully at the 7d Trans-Tasman airmail—of which only a few thousand more were put into circulation than the red Laughing Boy.)

And how many of these Mitchell-designed stamps has Mitchell got? "Maybe two or three of the blue one in my small collection," he told me. Len's been the boy working in the candy shop for years—lost his taste for the stuff.

Len is a friendly, helpful chap; ruggedly handsome, with a mass of curly graying hair. When I went into the studio he said: "You remember my son Allan. This is Frank." (Both sons are handsome editions of their dad; Len has another.)

"And over there is 'Fifi,'" said Len, indicating a skull with one gleaming plastic eye in a bony socket.

New Zealand has been plagued with a series of fatal tractor accidents, and Len is currently working up a series of designs for a press campaign. Knowing Len those posters will tell a graphic story.

And how did the designs for the 1931 Healths originate? "It was a rush job," Len told me. "The postal officials needed a design, and I was called in to do it. I did, and that's about all there is to it." It was just another job, and creditably done, if you want to compare those early Healths with the designs down through the years.

In the same year Len also designed New Zealand's first airmail stamp. "You would rattle that skeleton," said Len when I mentioned it to him. A few years later he got cracking (as they say in New Zealand) and turned out the designs for the 2½d, 3d, 8d, 1s and 3s stamps of the pictorial issues. He also did the Anzac commemorative, the Chamber of Commerce set, and the ½d, 3d, and 4d of the 1940 centennial set.

His most recent New Zealand design was the 2d of the Canterbury centennial set.

For Western Samoa, Len produced the designs for the ½d and the central figures in the 2½d of the 1935 set. He designed the 1d, 5d, 1s and 3s of the current set.

In between he found time to do the 2½d and 7d of the 1939 set and the 5d in 1949, showing the Apia post office.

When we were discussing the series Len designed for the Cook Islands in 1932, he chuckled: "If Captain Cook were alive today he'd kick me for pulling his hat down over his eyes like I did in the penny value." Len's one of his own real critics.

Material for his New Zealand designs? I believe Len could go up on the roof of the building in which his studio is located and find the makings of a half-dozen designs tailored to his taste. There's the incomparable spread of Port Nicholson (Wellington's port on whose edge it stands), the mountains, the city itself.

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light green, it will appeal to several categories of topical collectors for the design has a globe with the western hemisphere in prominence, a caduceus, and a view of Corcovado (Hunchback) Mountain on which is a famous statue of Christ.

Also to be seen are Guanabara Bay, and Sugar Loaf, a mountainous block of granite rising almost sheer from the sea to a height of some 1260 feet. According to Manoel F. da Motta of Rio de Janeiro, Sugar Loaf is a popular tourist and local attraction since the view gained from its top after cable-car transportation is considered magnificent.

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965	967	968	969	970	971	972
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980	981	982	983	984	985	986
987	988	989	990	991	992	993
994	995	996	997	998	999	1000

2c EACH—230	490	501	503	504	506	510
604	605	606	610	636	694	695
697	704	707	710	711	712	713
714	717	718	724	725	726	727
728	740	741	742	743	744	745
809	818	819	821	829	835	838
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442 .07	457 .03	C267 .08	C295 .10
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536 3c violet	1.25	2.50	5.00
575 1c green	.75	1.50	3.00
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Summer Survey Totals, The Collector Speaks

Lewis F. Turley

PART I

Linn's Weekly Stamp News, always the leader, trying to find the answers to controversial subjects, ran a questionnaire recently.

In order to refresh your memory, the questionnaire was an attempt to get to the bottom of the question: "Why dealers do not advertise in the summer time." "Should there be a seasonal trend in advertising pertaining to stamps enforced by conditions of weather or was it a false idea born of the imagination?"

Attempting to bring about a better understand of just what the collector thinks on the subject, we ran a questionnaire of some fifteen statements. As we will show, here was an opportunity for the collector to speak and speak he does, sometimes to great length.

The replies came from everywhere. We have them from France; Arizona where the heat registered 101 degrees, in fact, we have them from every state in the Union and Alaska, Canada and Mexico. All gave voice to their opinions in this controversy (among stamp dealers) whether or not to advertise in summer. Some were mild in voicing their opinions. Others, emphatically gave full play to their pet peeves, passionately giving vent to all their ailments with some suggestions of what to do about it.

If just one dealer had the names of those persons answering this survey and handled them to the complainants' satisfaction, he would be busier than a politician mending fences."

We do not mean to state that collectors today are "picaunish" nor are they "squawking" just to hear themselves. They have a problem that goes way beyond the limits of this survey. In many ways some of them are far off base. In others, they have a legitimate "beef" and it would be only fair to try to analyze some of them at least.

Most surveys, where the individual has to make an effort on his own part, usually, are considered a full success if the final results bring back 10% of the total covered. We have succeeded in doing that! The collectors, and there are many of them long-time subscribers to Linn's, replied most heartily to this survey which gave them a chance to say something.

To explain the given figures that follow, we wish to point out that they will not add up to 100% in all departments. This is because of the complexity of the answers. Some questions were answered in part while others required as many as three check marks. Therefore, we shall give the figures, based on the whole reply, by enumeration of the original questionnaire in percentage figures. One section can get be divorced from the other as we shall show later.

The following figures are the total by percentages of those answering. First we will list the question and then the percentage voting on that question as against the whole.

#1. "I do not collect during the summer." 4.9%. (There were 10% of the total vote that crossed out the "Not" in the statement.)

#2. "I collect only Mint stamps. Too hard to handle in summer." 2.6%.

#3. "I collect but cannot find any good buys in summer." 10%.

#4. "I collect when the mood moves me." 8%.

#5. "I collect when I can find nothing else to do." 2.6%.

#6. "I collect only used stamps and therefore summer means nothing to me." 9%.

#7. "Vacation time makes me spend money elsewhere, no time for stamps." 4.9%.

#8. "I collect only when I find a good buy winter or summer." 30%.

#9. "I find nothing wrong with the attitude of dealers or collectors." 33 1/3% for . . . 22.3% of the total qualified their answer. See remarks.

#10. "Give me more good buys and I'll buy stamps no matter what season it is." 74%.

#11. "I collect General Foreign. Mint 2.9%; Used .7%; Both 11%. Total 14.6%.

11a. "I collect U. S. Only. Mint 19.4%; Used 4%; Both 55.9%. Total 79.3%.

11b. "I collect New Issues only. Mint 10%; Used "No Answers". Both 14%. Total 24%.

11c. "I collect Airmails 26.6%; Covers 35.5%; Oddities 19.1%.

11d. "I collect 1c items 5.2%; 2c—4.9%; 5c—5.2%; 10c—3.6% and . . . Any Amount. 54.2%. No answer 26.9%.

votes that did not check any answer as they felt we had slighted the Precancel Collector by not mentioning that specialty. Those must be counted in the overall total.

With the checks on item 11 or 11b there were 10% of the TOTAL VOTE that also stated "Topicals" were a side line. Remember . . . the combination of items 11 through 11c must be all added together to obtain a final figure in order to know what an/one collects. The overall vote of each line should be tallied at the end of each line in order to know just what that particular item would show in percentage.

For example: item 11a, shows the figures of 19.4%, 4%, and 55.9%. Those added together gives us a grand total of 79.3% of the overall total collecting some form of U. S. To that given figure you must add those collectors checked either one or more of the other items listed under the various varieties. Anyone may see the complexity of the answers.

Now here is the clincher of the interest of this survey. 12% of the total vote took time to write an accompanying letter . . . several of them three pages in length!

There were several minor votes written in the margin of the questionnaire such as "auctions, trading, exchanges, plate singles, plate blocks, or used foreign blocks". These votes would be in addition to the overall total.

To summarize the votes we see the following: Naturally, #10 got the greatest percentage, as we expected. What collector is not always looking for a good buy? Whether he recognizes a good buy or not, is not for us to discuss here.

What the vote does show though, winter or summer, the collector is looking for a good buy!

#9, took a nice percentage of 1/3 of the total vote. They did not find anything wrong with the attitude of the dealers and collectors but 22.3% of the total

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24 1.00	121 12.75	339 1.90
63 1.25	162 3.75	345 1.30
68 1.35	228 1.30	347 2.75
78 5.75	241 VP 26.50	368 2.25
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votes answering this question made a marginal qualification by stressing also #10 of the questionnaire. "There is nothing wrong with the attitude of the dealers or collectors but . . . give me more good buys and I'll buy winter or summer." This leaves actually then only 3.7% answering #9 alone.

Right there is a keynote that hits us all right where we live. It is not a question of winter or summer today but rising costs of living. I wish it were possible to print every letter that came in extra in this survey. To point up this one argument in one reply, we quote from a beginner. "Rising costs will kill me off if something isn't done. The stamps I purchased last year are up 45% higher. The sale price (and I want to sell) is 25% less than I paid. Why?"

Here is a problem that dealers must face. They sell stamps and make a profit. They should be able and willing to buy that stamp back within one year at not less than 10% off the original sale price. Stamps of any nature should not depreciate 25% over a year from retail unless priced too high to start and then comparatively the same stamp be priced . . . one year later . . . at 45% higher than last years retail. Something is drastically wrong here if true!

There are only one or two dealers of our acquaintance who definitely advertise, "We will buy our stamps back at the sale price if they do not show a rise within one year." That is a carte-blanche statement we have seen published in this paper. Unfortunately we can not quote the stamps or sets involved in the above statement, as being over-sold, as we do not have that information nor the collector's name. Personally, I wish he would write again and give us the full facts for publication!

We will draw this first of the final survey to a close by stating as Syrus once said, "Many receive advice, only the wise profit by it."

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"WHAT IS MISSING ON THIS STAMP WHICH WAS ISSUED TODAY?"

About a year ago the Post Office Department approved St. Bonaventure College's proposal that the United States should issue a special stamp to pay tribute to the Holy Bible, and thereby "advertise" religion.

Somewhere along the line, the Government—perhaps afraid that Communist and other atheistic groups might object to United States recognition of anything religious—decided to subordinate the original stamp's purpose and use it to pay tribute to printing and book publishing instead.

This is a typical example of a kind of thinking we believe ought to be corrected. The inclosed facts will give you a better idea of what we have in mind.

For your information, four individuals—Americans—stamp enthusiasts—and believers in a God—have contributed towards the preparation and mailing of this message. I can, upon request give you our full names, but we prefer to remain anonymous, since this effort is one of principle rather than a gimmick for any personal mention

E.A.K.

127-10 103rd Avenue

Richmond Hill 19, N. Y.

Three centuries ago our nation was settled by a number of God-fearing Europeans who braved the perils of the Atlantic crossing that they might worship in a new land according to the dictates of their conscience. Later, as the colonies and our republic prospered and developed, their trust in and devotion to God was inseparably associated with everything they did: civility, socially, politically. Even the framers of the Declaration of Independence—and our Constitution predicated the very foundations of the Republic upon a humble reliance upon God and His guidance.

Until relatively recently, every proclamation; every treaty; every Act of our Government included a direct appeal to the Blessings of The Almighty, that it might succeed in its purpose.

Yet, today, with the forces of evil rampant in virtually every sphere of human endeavor, insidiously active atheistic fronts, individuals and organizations are abroad in a nefarious attempt to destroy this truly American and human trust in God. They know that before they can attack democracy and freedom, they first must destroy a people's faith in God. Communism and all other dictatorial isms cannot possibly gain a foothold against us until materialistic atheism has replaced religion.

To mislead citizens their campaigns are devised to suggest that Freedom OF Religion means Freedom FROM Religion.

Washington was not ashamed to pray to God at Valley Forge; Francis Scott Key penned that immortal phrase, "... and this be our Motto, 'In God Is our trust,'" which now is part of our national Anthem.

Our coinage, too, carried, "In God We Trust," but except for this limited usage, our Government seems to be most anxious to forget or deliberately ignore a spirit which our forefathers, our presidents and our Congress once held sacred.

If we truly are struggling to establish at home and abroad God-given principles of Liberty, and not simply using that aim as propagandistic lip service, is it not time that "In God We Trust" be more widely used by the United States? Or are we ashamed or afraid that such a public proclamation might offend those who would destroy us?

United States postage stamps are one medium which reach the far corners of the earth, so it seems particularly fitting that these bits of paper, representing our Government to millions of people on six continents and the islands between (peoples who have no other way of knowing us) ought to proclaim our Nation's trust in God.

Unfortunately, a few timid officials in Washington are terrorized at this suggestion. They know that active atheistic groups will raise boisterous objections. In 1948, when a special stamp was issued in honor of the four heroic Chaplains who sacrificed their lives when the U. S. S. Dorchester was torpedoed, postal officials were high pressured in an attempt to have the stamp withdrawn because "it violated Freedom of Religion!" Only a matter of months ago, these same groups compelled the Post Office Department to reject a picture of the Mount of the Holy Cross as the major design for a stamp honoring the Statehood of Colorado because "such a subject is too religious!"

Even when they compromised by featuring a picture of the State House (which had not even been built at the time of the event which the stamp commemorates) and relegated the mountain which played so important a part in the lives of the original Colorado settlers to a subordinate position, the protests were loud and vicious.

When the Post Office Department recently was asked to include "In God We Trust" on our stamps they endeavored to squish the suggestion by stating that the "area of a postage stamp is too small to include these words. The fact remains that all of our stamps have more wording on them than these twelve letters. The attempted excuse is contradicted by the Post Office Department itself and betrays its willingness to play ball with enemies of our nation: a policy that seems to prevail in many branches of our present administration.

At this critical period in our history we desperately need "In God We Trust" as a daily keynote. We ought to have it on our postage stamps, not only to reaffirm this faith among our own citizens, but to bolster the hopes of peoples of the world.

This is not an objective of any particular religion; it has the fullest support of all Faiths—Protestant, Catholic, Jew and others who worship God.

The Post Office Department is largely influenced by the reaction of "the public" and rightly so. The Atheists have voiced their objections and have been heard. It is hoped that every man, woman and child in these United States who feels that our National Motto is as vitally important today as when we adopted it nearly two centuries ago, will express his sentiments.

Will YOU, therefore, support this project and editorially recommend that your readers urge the Post Office Department to add "In God We Trust" to our postage stamps?

(Communications can be addressed to Postmaster Jesse M. Donaldson, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C.)



Henry M. Friedman
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ST. VINCENT. War Tax No. 1. In the first printing, every second stamp has a comma instead of a period. Later printings had periods only. Gibbons list and price the comma variety at 8s 6d (\$1.19) as against 2s 6d (35) for the stamp with period.

NEW ZEALAND. In the printing of the 1949 Health stamps, one stamp in each sheet of the 2d plus 1d was without a period under the "d" of 1d. Gibbons list and price this variety at 35s (\$4.96).

The 1d plus 1/2d of the 1946 Health stamps is listed as dark green and orange brown. Gibbons also list a shade variety—yellow green and orange brown which they price at 15 shillings (\$2.10).

GREAT BRITAIN — CHANNEL ISLANDS. Due to a shortage of one penny stamps in Channel Islands, authority was given on December 24, 1940, to bisect and use half of a British 2d stamp as 1 penny. The 2 pence stamps generally available were the postal centenary issue (No. 255) and the 2 pence orange George VI stamp No. 238 and both of these were bisected diagonally.

The Gibbons price for these bisected stamps used on cover or piece, is 30 shillings for No. 255 and 6 Pounds for the No. 238. A number of the two pence George V stamps in the hands of collectors were also bisected and used. These are NOT listed or priced and cannot be recognized as having been bisected by the post office department.

CEYLON. The 50c dark violet and black No. 256 is priced by Scott at 20c regardless of perforation. This stamp perforated 13 x 12 is priced by Gibbons at 10 Pounds. A mint copy centered to bottom, was recently sold at an auction sale for \$11.50.

GREAT BRITAIN. The 1 1/2 stamp No. 161 exists on thick paper without watermark. This variety is listed and priced in the 1935 Gibbons at 95 shillings. A mint block of four sold at auction recently for \$26.50.

JAMAICA. Scott lists the 1938 five shillings stamp on bluish paper as No. 127A without price. This stamp perforated 13 is priced by Gibbons at 35 shillings. A mint block of four sold at a recent auction sale for \$12.75.

SAMOA. Here are some of the number changes in Scott's 1953 catalogue. 1952 numbers are in (). 197 (201), 198 (200), 199 (197), 200 (202) 201 (198) and 202 (199). If you order stamps based on 1952 catalogue numbers, it is well to so mention in your order. Your dealer will supply the right stamps.

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The program will vary in format each week, presenting name personalities who collect stamps, collectors who have a story to tell, or youngsters from local stamp clubs or the studio audience who will demonstrate their special knowledge of people, places and events because of their hobby.

"Educator Stamp Club" is sponsored by the Washington Stamp Exchange of Newark, N.J., publishers of Educator Stamp Albums, commemorative envelopes and other collectors' accessories.

Issue Jap Alps Souvenir Sheet

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The membership, which is international specializes in the stamps and postal matter of Ireland.

YOU ASKED TO MEET HER. Mrs. Gertrude Boss, 705 N. Tenth Ave., Hopewell, Va. is the author so many of you have commended for her fine articles on the Bible and Bible stamp, and just recently for her "Philatelic Masonry" in the September 8 edition. She is still convalescing from a stay in the hospital but reports her ability to "battle" with her typewriter for increasing periods each day. Linn's Weekly Stamp News is proud and pleased to tell you that additional articles of her composition are awaiting publication at this time.

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ALGERIA — The Bir-Hakeim stamp of France has been overprinted for use in Algeria according to the Tribune Stamp Company.

BURMA — Reprinted 3 and 8 annas stamps in new colors were released September 1.

CANADA — A Canadian goose (Branta canadensis) is being pictured on a new 7c Canadian pictorial, replacing the 7c "Postal Centennial" adhesive in use since last September. The goose is displayed in a position immediately after leaving the water and on first becoming "airborne", after a design by Emanuel Hahn.

Issuance has been set for November 3 for regular use and overprinted "G" for official use.

At the same time new 3 and 4 cent stamps will be released portraying Prime Ministers Mackenzie and Abbott, as part of the "Prime Ministers" series.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA — Three new issues have been noted. On October 18 one stamp (1.50kcs.) will mark the philatelic exhibition and on the same day the Bratislava affair will also be marked by a commemorative sheet with 2kcs. and 3kcs. values, to be sold at 15kcs.

Then on November 7 a set of three stamps (1.50, 2 and 3kcs.) will commemorate the October 1917 Revolution.

ETHIOPIA — A nine value set marking the Federation of Eritrea has been received by the Tribune Stamp Company with an inscription "the way which leads to the Bay is free."

GERMANY — Two Leipzig Fair stamps (24 and 35pfgr.) have been forwarded by Ernest Rietschel, showing modern machinery, a globe of the world and a dove similar to that used by Poland and China.

ITALY — The fifth centenary of the birth of Girolamo Savonarola, monk, has been commemorated by a 25 lire, blue, stamp, according to Vittorio lo Bianco.

LIECHTENSTEIN — A 5 franc stamp will be added to the regular postage issue showing Vaduz Castle.

TRIESTE — According to Lo Bianco the Savonarola stamp, and the new Italian air letter sheet have been overprinted "AMG-FTT".

VIRGIN ISLANDS — In the \$4.80 stamp of the recently released pictorial issue there is an error in the spelling of Gorda Island, appearing as "Corda Island." Whitfield King & Company expresses doubt that the error can be corrected before the appearance of the Elizabeth issue for this colony.

Vatican Errors On Basilica Overprint

Two new Vatican errors have been reported by P. Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J. The first is the now-obsolete 13-lire Basilica stamp, imperforated at the upper sheet margin.

The second variety consists of a block of six stamps of the current L-12 on L-13 provisional. One stamp of the block shows the overprint "L-12" almost entirely missing.

Mr. Ostrow reports that in Italy a similar block has been reported with the "L-12" entirely absent from the surcharge.

Also reported is that B-Zone Trieste has adopted Yugoslavia's Navy Day set to its own use by overprinting each of the three stamps with the usual "STT VU-JNA" in red.

The set was placed on sale in Koper (Capodistria) on September 13 and consists of a 15-dinar brown violet, a 28d gray brown and a 50d gray.

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MAKING BIBLE

(Continued from page 1)

Pope of the Roman Church commissioned Jerome who issued first the gospels and then the rest of the New Testament between A.D. 383 and 385. Then Jerome translated the Old Testament from the original Hebrew. After 15 years of labor it was published about 404.

The entire Bible thus rendered into Latin, was eventually termed the "current" edition, or the VULGATE. It was only after a long and severe struggle, that the English secured a vernacular version.

Though the formation of the New Testament is shrouded in obscurity the earliest collection of which we have any knowledge was that of Marcion, a well to do ship builder of Pontus. Marcion's canon (about A.D. 140) consisted of the writings of Paul, and ten of Paul's letters, (those to Timothy and Titus were not among his collection).

Christian leaders of Asia began to circulate the four gospels about this time, three of which had been recognized as authoritative by Justin Martyr.

The list of the New Testament Books first appeared in a letter written by Athanasius, a church leader of Alexandria, at Easter A.D. 367.

It seems incredible now but once there was a law in Christian England which provided that any one found guilty of reading the Bible in English, must forfeit land, cattle, life and goods from his heirs forever. This savage penalty was not inflicted on John Wycliffe, who was responsible for the first English translation of the Bible.

Forty-four years after his death it was decided Wycliffe must be punished, so his bones were dug up, publicly burned and cast into the river that flowed past his quiet

country church.

William Tyndale, who was the first to print an English version of the scriptures, did not get off as easily as Wycliffe. Tyndale was strangled and burned at the stake in 1536, and the 18,000 copies of the English New Testament which he smuggled into England before his death, were hunted down and destroyed, so efficiently that but seventeen specimens were known to have been saved.

Tyndale was a Welshman, a teacher who debated with prominent clergymen. It was on one of these "cross the table" debates that he uttered his memorable and dangerous words—"If God spare my life, ere many years I will cause a boy that driveth the plow to know more of the Scriptures than thou dost".

In 1523, Tyndale, who had studied at both Oxford and Cambridge, took a position in the household of the Bishop of London hoping to obtain aid in his translation of the New Testament into current English. Finding many against him he was forced to go to Germany where Martin Luther was then engaged in his own great German translation.

At Cologne, Tyndale completed his translation and was seeing it through the press when a local priest heard about it and warned the authorities. Tyndale gathered up the finished sheets and fled to the city of Worms, from which the first copies of his New Testament were sent to England hidden in merchandise.

The secret police of King Henry the VIII had been advised, and many copies were confiscated.

But Tyndale's Testament got through to thousands of English people. He then began to translate the Old Testament and finished much of it. He was living in exile at Antwerp, where he was treacherously betrayed by a fellow

countryman to Emperor Charles V, adjudged a heretic and sentenced to die at the stake. His last words were "Lord, open the King of England's eyes".

The pendulum soon swung the other way, when Henry declared war on all Catholic Bibles, as well as those who read them. King Henry went all out and ordered every church to obtain an English Bible, and place it where the people could read it. The whole nation became a church, as it were.

In 1560, soon after Elizabeth became queen the famous Geneva Bible was published in Switzerland.

When James I became king, in 1603 he decided there must be a new "Church of England" Bible. He appointed a commission of 54 learned men to make a translation and solicited contributions to defray the costs. He never officially approved the result, but it is still known by his name, and we speak of it as the King James Authorized Translation.

In 1884 a revised King James Version was completed. In 1901 a further revision was published. Of the modern private translations two of the most successful have been the James Moffat, and the Smith-Goodspeed Bibles.

The Catholics had a new and interesting translation made by Right Reverend Monsignor Ronald Knox, and others are being completed.

One publisher alone, last year distributed nearly ten million Bibles and portions of Bibles. Since the time of Gutenberg, 500 years ago, more than two billion bibles and parts of same have rolled off the presses. Most of these have been put in use in the last century and a half.

The Bible is being translated into a new dialect on an average of one a month. Some are unpronounceable—as Pitjantjatnara for a sect in Australia. For a group in Indonesia it is Wewjewa, and for a native tongue of 55,000 Mexican Indians it will be in Tarascan.

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ONE MAN
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ing for it. Who is getting this money, anyway, the Postal Department or not? Besides, I have not to do business with any firm that refused to vouch for the honesty of its employees. That is why I'm being clipped, isn't it?"

The Postmaster grew much, much less smiley, 'round the whiskers. "All I can say, Bob, is that the Department will not assume any responsibility if you do not register the letter or use a money order."

"What you're saying, of course," I drawled, "is that it isn't really safe to send anything through the mails. However —" and I drew out my checkbook, "I'll bite."

"Say," the Postmaster went on, trying to be as pleasant as he could, "I'm awfully sorry, but we are not allowed to cash any checks."

"It isn't a check," I answered, "but a certified bank draft."

"Can't help it," he replied, "but those are our orders."

"Now you're telling me that I'm no good, and that even the money at the bank is no good. I always made it a policy not to deal with firms that treat me like a crook. But I suppose that in order to get those covers, I've got to be handled like a nincompoop and a bum."

In addition to having to pay for the privilege of paying the Department for the stamps, I had to put up with the extra imposition of forking over an additional fee to get them to take the money I had paid them for the privilege of collecting already. I was compelled to attach this fee to my envelope in the form of a stamp to forward my covers, first class mail, and was warned that any message enclosed, giving instructions, would be completely disregarded. I was not even allowed to order a plate block.

"I've got a surly old uncle," I told the Postmaster, "and his name

is Sam. He's one of the meanest men I ever did business with."

I thought that my baptism of fire was over with. I had ordered my first day covers, and before many days was in Keystone. I dropped in at the post office there the week before the issue was to be cancelled. Perhaps, I thought, I could buy them right there, and get the extra for my friends after all. I always knew I was dumb, but I didn't really know how dumb I was.

"Why, no," the Keystone postmaster told me himself, "you can't buy any of those stamps here."

"How can I order them for first day cancellation?" I asked.

He spoke like a man who was tired of telling it, but he was polite. "You'll have to send your order to Rapid City. They are attaching the stamps over there."

"What?" I cried. "You mean I can't even order the first day of issue at the first day office?"

"Of course not," he retorted, "unless you mail your order to Rapid City."

I said I guessed I would. He asked me if I had my covers at hand, had them addressed and ready, was prepared to pay a money order fee, and an extra fee for enclosure, and — well, I just stopped him right there. "No thanks, mister." I didn't have the ambition to go through all that again. "But if I can't even leave my order here, and the stamps are being licked at Rapid City, could you please tell me where in the heck they are being cancelled?"

He pointed up the hill. "They've been at work up there in the school house for days now," he said. "They are cancelling them up there."

I started out. "Say, fella," he said kindly, "they won't allow you up there. If you want any cancelled, you have to mail them out to Rapid City."

I stopped for a moment and turned around, half in the notion of tearing loose. But he looked like such a nice man that I didn't. I was going to ask him about the

Postal Regulation which absolutely forbids any office to cancel any mail to order, to confiscate it, and report all incidents to the Department.

I could imagine in my mind, which was too ignorant to suppose that the Department often failed to abide by its own regulations, how it presumed to handle the hundreds of thousands of pieces that were pouring in, and what the collectors would say if their covers didn't go through.

That wasn't all. I intended to demand, right then, if there was not another postal rule that forbade the dated postmarking of any mail in advance of date of use. Somehow I didn't have the heart. He had such a sad look that it almost said: "Please, mister. Don't ask me any more. And for heaven's sake, don't ask me how a cover cancelled a week ahead of time can be called a first day cancellation. I don't know, the Department doesn't know, and yet it is perfectly plain that you and I and God Almighty all know better."

I went back to my car, and one of my friends whom I hoped to interest in philately asked me what the deal was.

"Dick," I said, "you can't leave your order for them here. If you do order them, you have to send your order out, because the stamps aren't even being licked out here. To top it off, the covers are being cancelled up there in the High School right now."

The envelopes I sent for won't even have a first day cancellation; they are being cancelled on another date, and postmarked with a phony one, and therefore they are frauds."

He looked at me with something less than approbation. "Well, I always thought stamp collectors were nuts. Let's go home."

We went. On the way back, Dick ribbed me considerably about the fact that the stamps were not even being postmarked in the post office given in the cancellation. Scott's definition floated through my mind

... "use... on the first day of sale at a place officially designated for such sale and so postmarked." It wasn't used where it was sold, it wasn't used on the first day of sale. But it was so postmarked when I got it.

By this time I thought I knew it all, but I didn't know the half of it. On the way back, I had a brilliant idea. We pulled in at a little rural post office and I went nonchalantly to the window. "Got any of those new South Dakota stamps?" I asked, "lancing at the calendar. The first day of issue was three days away."

"Why, sure," the clerk replied. He reached into the safe and pulled out a stack of sheets. "How many? They came just the other day and I only saw them myself awhile ago."

I picked two sheets off the top because I had exactly three dollars in my pocket and didn't want to wait for change. "Thanks," I said, laying the money down, "I guess these will do."

"Just a minute, there," someone hollered, coming in at the back, "what do you think you're doing?" It was the postmaster, just back from lunch. He hurried in and grabbed the stamps away from me, then turned on the clerk. "I thought I told you that these were not for sale. I thought I told you to leave them in the safe until next Tuesday."

"Gee," the clerk murmured, "I am awful sorry. Guess I forgot." "This is mighty queer," I complained. "Never knew of a post office that refused to sell me stamps."

The postmaster was very apologetic. "I don't exactly understand it, mister," he went on. "But we're not allowed to put these on sale until August 12 at the earliest." Then he eagerly spread out a stack of three-cent Jeffersons. "How many do you want?"

"No thanks," I said, walking out, "nothing today."

I realized that if I had been five minutes sooner I could have had

some "pre-first-day-covers" dated August 9, unlike the "pre-first-day-covers" at Keystone, which would be dated August 11.

I was convinced that if I had mailed them out of 100 different offices that most of them would have gotten through, what with the number of mailing labels that are passing through the post offices these days for stamps.

I have already said that Uncle Sam is not only surly, but at times could be downright mean. The fact is, I didn't know the half of it until I got my covers.

In the first place, though I had mailed them in a couple of weeks ahead of time, I didn't get them back until the fourth day after the first day of cancellation. I asked my postmaster how it was possible that it took the better part of a week for a letter by first class mail to be delivered in the state it was mailed in, especially when there were good railroad connections every inch of the way. I computed the distance and discovered that this first class mail had travelled at the rate of less than ten miles an hour.

In the second place, the stamp was so poorly centered that the perforations lacked less than one millimeter of clipping the design at right. I wouldn't have given anybody three cents for it in mint condition, and I had paid better than five cents to obtain this copy cancelled. I kicked myself. I am still able to do that, and I gave a good hard

In the third place, the stamp was placed so near to the edge of the envelope that it didn't have three-sixteenths of an inch clearance from either top or side, affording almost no marginal protection of any kind. I gave myself another kick.

In the fourth place, the postmark included a big, nastily applied blob of ink, caused by defective cancellation machinery, that completely spoiled the cover for philatelic purposes, even if the

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It is to be held at the YMHA Building, Broad and Pine Sts. October 28. Members will be allowed to show no more than five pages.

Marie Curie co-discoverer of radium is shown on a semipostal stamp of Suriname.

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Dealer ★ Doings ★

Andrew G. Flesch, 85-05 Elmhurst Ave., Elmhurst 73, N. Y. has a price list of First Day Covers beginning with the issues of 1920 which is sent to interested collectors. In trying to maintain the best stock of FDC's in the nation Mr. Flesch is interested in buying items for stock, such material dated in the '20's and '30's. Mention Linn's.

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In the September 29 edition,

STAMPS, 323 Mountain Ave., Westfield, N. J. made an interesting offering of foreign stamps. While the ad offered them as mint, this was an error for all items are in the USED Category. Those placing orders will please observe this correction. Collectors can get a copy of the firm's 'Stamp Review' free on request.

It is going to take four days to auction the more than \$100,000 worth of material represented in 2500 lots which the Wilshire Philatelic Service, 1208 S. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles 35, Calif. will offer November 3, 5, 6 and 7. The sale is slated for the Mission Room of the new Statler Hotel there. Deluxe catalogs are now available.

ONE MAN

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stamp had been fit for a collection, which it certainly wasn't.

If any dealer in the trade had had the nerve to send me an item like this on approval, he would have gotten it right back in his eye with something less than a note of appreciation, and definitely he would not have been paid for it.

But not surly old Sam. He had collected almost double for the stamps in advance, bilked me into believing that the P. L. and R. were inviolable, sold me a copy I wouldn't even buy to use on my friends for postage, and positively ruined my cover to boot.

Just what is a first day cover? If the catalogue was right, I didn't even have one.

Yes, I have taken the first day cover cure. Shakespear's play, entitled "All's Well That Ends Well", is here an apropos reference. All may be well that ends well, but mine isn't. I have just been kicking it again to keep myself from collecting misrepresented cancellations with the idea that it had something to do with collecting postage stamps.

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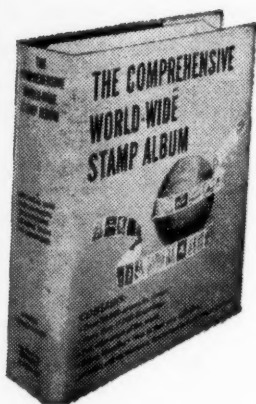
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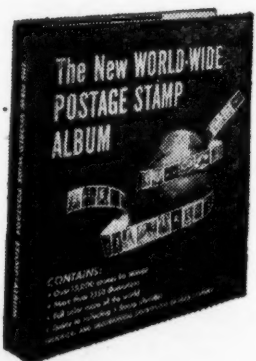
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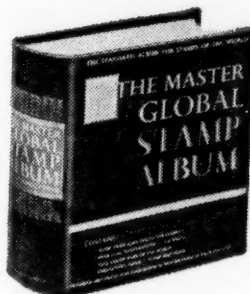


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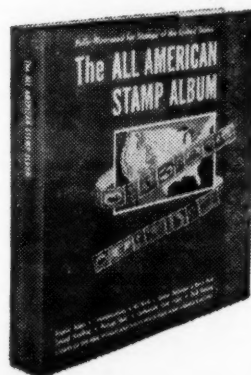
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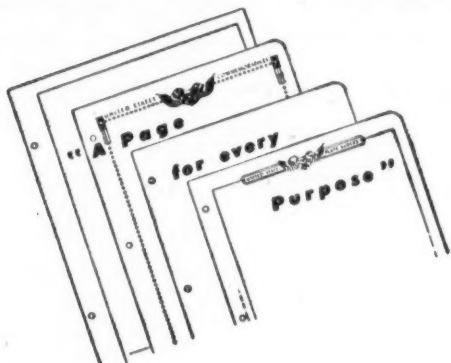
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